

# TOWNE TALK

"Just for Fun"  
By RAS BERRY

Santa Claus he left me and Hal Prince each one of the lighters for Christmas and so we spent all Christmas morning smoking cigarettes so we could use our new lighters and trying to get them to work.

Jack Prince he is Hal Prince's boy and Jack he watched us trying to make the lighters work and he says you should ought to put something in the paper about them lighters and you could call it The Lighters that Failed.

So there it is in the paper and I wish more people would make wise cracks while I am around so I could put them in the paper especially during holiday time for they is so many other things to do it is not easy to write things for the paper.

Jess Lancaster he is always true to his word and the other night he knocked at our door and delivered us a big fat wild goose so between so much of that and the turkey we had Christmas, we don't know whether to hiss or gobble. My boss says she guesses I would do neither but just go on crowing.

One of the best sights of the yr. is to be seen in the stores late the night before Christmas when the distracted men come in about 10 o'clock to buy their wife a Christmas present. They is more here boxes of candy, perfume and big toilet sets sold between 10 and 11 p. m. on Christmas eve than all the rest of the yr. put together.

Merchants thinks they are gonna get stuck with a store full of novelty merchandise and along about 10 o'clock they is a rush that cleans it right out of the store.

They is quite a few local couples which is complimenting each other this wk. on each other's good taste. The reason is that they discovered that they chose the same kind of Christmas cards.

The best Christmas card we seen was one sent out by a Scotchman. It was a little bit of a card about one inch wide and 2 inches long and on it was a picture of a Scotch bag-piper in his red and green kilts and under the picture it said Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, for 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930 and 1931.

I knew a dandy old gentleman in Michigan who got up on Christmas morning and his wife says well come on down stairs and see your Christmas present and his Christmas present was a house full of lace curtains and so he said here is your present and he went into a closet and come out with a new set of harness.

Doc Stevenson he has not got any skin on his shins on acct. of Christmas. Christmas night he went out into the dark to get some wood for the fire place and on his way down the driveway he stepped on a Christmas roller skate and his feet started out from under him and one foot landed square in a box and then his other foot landed in the box and as he fell he left all the skin skin on the edge of the box and now he is worried for fear the neighbors heard what he said.

Al Bond he had the nerve to tell my boy that Santa would be late Christmas eve because he was coming to Bond's to get his whiskers trimmed and a shave.

And I says he won't be not only late but he'll never get there if he gets a shave in your chair he will probably die from loss of blood.

Well Happy Leap Yr. particularly to Dick Richards and Don Findley.

**A MUSICAL TREAT**  
from Angelus Temple  
Thomas Jackson, tenor soloist; Howard Gray, organist; player of note, traveled with Evangelist Crozier; Charles Bonwiler, soloist, from Temple choir, Sunday, Jan. 1, at 11:00 and 7:30. R. Hamilton Gray, Angelus Temple official preaching, Four Square Gospel Lighthouse, branch of Angelus Temple, Gramercy and Cabrillo.



# How to Play BRIDGE

Series 1927-28 by Wynne Ferguson

Author of "PRACTICAL AUCTION BRIDGE"

It is an interesting angle of the game of Auction Bridge that although the informative double is now an old story in this country, it is just being recognized and played in England. For many years the English players refused even to consider its adoption and all sorts of objections were raised to it, but now these objections seem to have become converted and the informative double has obtained an enthusiastic and wide-spread popularity. Naturally, many questions have arisen as to its application and as some of these are very much to the point, the following are submitted for the consideration of our readers. An analysis of each hand will be given in the next article.

**Problem No. 7**  
Hearts—9  
Clubs—K, J, 8, 2  
Diamonds—K, Q, 3  
Spades—J, 8, 5, 4  
No score, rubber game. Z dealt and bid one spade. If A doubled one spade (informatory), and Y passed, what should B bid? He has a choice of two clubs or one no-trump. What would you do?

**Problem No. 8**  
Hearts—K, 7, 6, 2  
Clubs—A, Q, 10  
Diamonds—K, Q, 4, 3  
Spades—K, 6  
No score, rubber game. Z dealt and bid one no-trump. A doubled, Y passed and B bid two spades. If Z passed, what should A bid? Should he pass or bid two no-trump? Think it over.

**Problem No. 9**  
Hearts—10, 9, 8  
Clubs—A, K, Q, 4  
Diamonds—7, 3  
Spades—K, 10, 4, 2  
No score, rubber game. Z dealt and bid one club. A bid one spade, Y doubled and B passed. What should Z bid? Should he regard the double of one spade as informative or as a business double? In either case, what should he do? Think this over carefully for it is a situation where there are conflicting view-points.

Just to vary the thought, here is a problem as to the proper opening lead:  
**Problem No. 10**  
Hearts—K, 7, 3  
Clubs—Q, J, 10, 9, 7  
Diamonds—9, 7  
Spades—8, 5, 2  
No score, first game. Z dealt and bid one no-trump. A and Y passed and B bid two spades. If Z bid two no-trump and all passed, what should A open? Should he lead his partner's spade suit or take a chance on his own club suit? Think it over.

**Problem No. 11**  
Hearts—A, J  
Clubs—8, 7, 6, 3  
Diamonds—A, K, 10, 9, 8, 7, 2  
Spades—none  
Hearts—K, Q, 10, 9, 8, 4  
Clubs—10  
Diamonds—Q  
Spades—10, 8, 4, 3, 2  
No score, rubber game. Z dealt and bid one heart (a questionable bid). A bid one spade, Y two diamonds and B two spades. Z and A passed and Y bid three hearts. B and Z passed and A bid three spades, Y bid four diamonds, B passed and Z bid four hearts. All passed and A opened the king of clubs and all followed suit. A then led the seven of hearts. How should Z plan the play of the hand? Solution in the next article.

**Answer to Problem No. 6**  
Hearts—A, K, Q, J  
Clubs—A, 4  
Diamonds—9, 2  
Spades—10, 9, 8, 7, 6  
Hearts—4  
Clubs—J, 7, 6, 2  
Diamonds—Q, J, 5, 4, 3  
Spades—A, Q, J  
No score, first game. Z dealt and passed. Y bid one heart and B passed. Z now led one no-trump, all passed and A opened the tray of hearts. How should Z play the hand so that he can score game against any defense? The lead of the tray of hearts shows that A has five hearts at most. Z should, therefore, play four rounds of hearts from dummy (Y's hand) and on the last three discard the ace, queen, jack of spades. He should then lead the ten of spades from Y's hand and force the play of the king. His spade suit is thus established and Y's hand has the ace of clubs as a re-entr.

Played in this way, Y-Z cannot lose more than one spade, one heart and two diamond tricks, and, therefore, must score game. It is an instructive little problem so note carefully. It is very easy to lose game if the four spades in Z's hand are not discarded. Play it out for practice, placing the king of spades in A's hand and have him lead a club when he wins the spade trick.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
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# Pre-Inventory Clearance

Our object of this slaughter of staple standard merchandise at this stage of the game with business good and prospects better: We buy differently than the ordinary merchant. To get the price down, we have to buy out of season and take the whole lot, if it is \$100.00 or \$10,000.00. This way of buying leaves us with unbalanced stocks at times and to get the proper turn-over we have to level our stocks so often. We also want to be able to show one of the cleanest financial statements ever turned in by a retail store doing business in a city of this size, operating 9 1/2 months—at a time when the ordinary merchant stands still—or breaks even. December and January are the two best months in the year for us—one for selling, the other for buying. To be able to accept all real bargains offered up, we must have a steady stream of goods flowing out.

You can take hold of this merchandise with full confidence that it is offered as low or lower than highly colored 10 page big city circulars will offer you and the selecting will be with less effort and less expense.

## Notions, Etc.

9 yards 1/4 inch elastic.....	25c
Bias Tape, 3 for.....	25c
J. P. Coates Crochet Cotton.....	11c
\$1.00 Listerine.....	82c
50c Listerine.....	42c
25c Listerine.....	22c
Woodbury Soap, 3 for.....	50c
Peets Almond Coconut Soap, 3 boxes 50c, 4 bars.....	19c
Pebacco Tooth Paste, 3 for \$1.00.....	39c

## Yard Goods

6 yards of 36 inch Outings.....	\$1.00
6 yards of 27 inch Daisy Cloth.....	\$1.00
5 yards of Winsor Crepes.....	\$1.00
5 yards of 36 inch Gingham.....	\$1.00
5 yards of Lonsdale Muslin.....	\$1.00
6 yards of Fruit of the Loom Muslin.....	\$1.00
6 yards of High Grade Unbleached Muslin.....	\$1.00
7 yards good Grade Bleached and Unbleached Muslin.....	\$1.00
9 yards Unbleached Muslin.....	\$1.00
4 yards Butterfield Voile.....	\$1.00
3 yards high grade Voiles and Silk Mixed Goods.....	\$1.00
Sateens and Linings and Lingerie Cloth, yard.....	29c
Suitings, Indian Heads, 36 to 44 inch, 3 for \$1.00.....	39c

## Towels

9 Turkish Towels.....	\$1.00
7 Towels.....	\$1.00
6 Towels.....	\$1.00
5 Fancy Towels.....	\$1.00
3 Fancy Bordered Towels.....	\$1.00
A clean-up of Towels, worth up to \$1.00.....	49c
Linen Towels and Part Linen Towels.....	25c, 39c, 49c to 89c

\$400.00 worth of Children's Sample Sweaters and Caps were delivered to us on December 22. These goods were piled on the tables and on the floor on our balcony and they sold like hot cakes. No wonder, every article was priced so cheap.

## Sweaters

\$4.00 Sweaters.....	\$2.49
\$3.50 Sweaters.....	\$2.29
\$3.00 Sweaters.....	\$1.98
\$2.75 Sweaters.....	\$1.79
\$2.50 Sweaters.....	\$1.49
\$2.25 Sweaters.....	\$1.39
\$2.00 Sweaters.....	\$1.29
\$1.75 Sweaters.....	\$1.19
\$1.50 Sweaters.....	98c



These goods are all samples—some slightly soiled. The bulk is nice, clean goods.

## Children's and Infants' Caps

\$2.25 Caps.....	\$1.49
\$2.00 Caps.....	\$1.29
\$1.75 Caps.....	\$1.19
\$1.50 Caps.....	98c
\$1.25 Caps.....	79c
\$1.00 Caps.....	69c
85c Caps.....	59c
75c Caps.....	49c
65c Caps.....	39c
50c Caps.....	29c



## HOSIERY

We are cleaning up all our odd lots of Men's, Women's and Children's Hosiery at deplu cut prices—15c, 25c, 39c to 79c a pair. BUY FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS ANYWAY.

We bought the entire sample line of the Endicott-Johnson Corp. for the southwest. Nine cases were delivered to us a few days ago. Twenty-one more cases were delivered to us at Redondo on Dec. 23rd. We also bought 12 cases of close-outs from local jobber at a sacrifice. Nearly all Weyenberg's shoes. For the last 4 weeks we have been on the job, 7 a. m. to midnight or later. Our aim is to sell \$50,000 more shoes for 1928 and we are betting our 30 years' experience, the total resources of our combined stocks and credit to put this over. With our new modern warehouse going up here in a short time with the opening of 1 or more stores later; with our better system of checking, our buying and selling we are out to do 50% more shoe business for the coming year. Bear in mind, we have over 720 pairs of sample shoes, over 150 pairs of work shoes to offer you. Nearly 900 pair in all, evenly divided between our two stores—goods that you have never seen before. Also a held-up shipment of Children's Shoes from Pasadena. Not a few odd pair—a housefull.

## Men's, Women's and Children's Shoes

Have patience with us. Twelve of us are hitting the ball as fast as we can. Extra shifts and extra help. Before you spend your savings, get our prices. First, not afterwards. Men's Work Shoes..... 2.29,

2.39, 2.49, 2.79, 2.95, 3.29, 3.49, 3.79, 3.95, 4.45 to 4.69
Men's Dress Shoes..... 2.49, 2.95, 3.45, 3.95 to 4.95
Women's Dress Shoes..... 1.00, 1.95, 2.49, 2.95 to 4.95
Misses' Shoes..... 1.00, 1.95, 2.49 to 2.95
Boys' Shoes..... 1.49 to 3.95
Youth's Shoes..... 1.29 to 2.95
Children's Shoes..... 95c to 2.29

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House Slippers..... 59c, 69c, 89c, 95c, 1.00, 1.19 to 2.29

## Blankets



We urge you to select your blankets and comforters now. We are cleaning up.  
\$6.00 Blankets, 2 for..... \$8.00  
\$5.00 Blankets, 2 for..... \$6.00  
\$4.00 Blankets, 2 for..... \$5.50  
\$3.50 Blankets, 2 for..... \$5.00  
\$3.00 Blankets, 2 for..... \$4.50  
\$2.75 Blankets, 2 for..... \$4.00  
\$2.50 Blankets, 2 for..... \$3.50  
Two 3 lb. Sewed Cotton Batts..... \$2.00

## Men's Wear

Men's Overalls.....	\$1.00, \$1.19, \$1.29 to \$1.49
Men's Work Pants.....	\$1.49 to \$2.79
Men's Semi-Dress Pants.....	\$2.95 to \$3.95
Men's Dress Pants.....	\$4.45 to \$5.45
Men's Wool Shirts.....	\$3.45, \$3.95 to \$4.95
Men's Work Shirts.....	79c to 98c

## Boys' Wear

Boys' Overalls.....	89c, \$1.00 to \$1.19
Boys' Suits.....	\$1.00 to \$5.95
Boys' Sweaters.....	\$1.95 to \$2.95
Boys' Shirts.....	59c to \$1.00
Boys' Leatherette Coats, 2 for \$6.00.....	\$3.29
Boys' Union Suits.....	39c to 89c

When the writer left our Redondo Store Tuesday noon, we had a housefull. When he landed in Torrance we were also going strong. You can bank on us delivering the goods. We have planned for this event four weeks. We are not playing this game blindfolded—we plan our campaigns and stick to them. Yours for a \$25,000 larger volume of business at our Torrance store for 1928 and A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.

# THE SAMPLE STORE

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